

Application No. 10/620,069

**REMARKS/ARGUMENTS**

In the first Office Action claims 1-9 were rejected under 35 USC § 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which applicant regards as the invention.

Claims 1 and 5 were rejected under 35 USC § 102(b) as being anticipated by Watashi 4,850,584. However, original claims 2-4 and 6-9 were all *indicated to be allowable* if rewritten to overcome said 112 rejection.

By the above amendment, claim 1 has been rewritten to fully overcome said 112 rejection and incorporate clear structural distinctions in claims 2-4 and/or 6-9 and otherwise over Watashi (which also give what are believed to be more desirable spring force characteristics), and thus all of the claims except for said extensively amended claim 1 and its dependent claim 5 have hereby been cancelled to expedite the issuance of this patent application. Accordingly, this application is now believed to be fully in condition for allowance.

No additional fee is believed to be required for this amendment. However, the undersigned Xerox Corporation attorney hereby authorizes the charging of any necessary fees, other than the issue fee, to Xerox Corporation Deposit Account No. 24-0025. This also constitutes a request for any needed extension of time and authorization to charge all fees therefor to Xerox Corporation Deposit Account No. 24-0025.

A telephone interview is respectfully requested at the number listed below prior to any further Office Action, i.e., if the Examiner has any remaining questions or issues to address after this paper. The undersigned will be happy to discuss any further Examiner-proposed amendments as may be appropriate.

Respectfully submitted,



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